

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification are the same as the amendments submitted in the parent application.

Original claims 1-11 have been canceled, and new method claims 12-17 have been submitted. New claims 12-17 claim a method analogous to the apparatus claims allowed in the parent application. As a result, claims 12-17 are allowable, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald E. Larson", is written over a horizontal line.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Kindly enter the replacement Fig. 5 submitted with this Preliminary Amendment.